# Puff heart blanket border

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
**About 32 × 32 in (81 × 81 cm)**
With its border. The panel alone: about 32 × 32 in (81 × 81 cm)

Skill
**Intermediate**
Puff stitch hearts, treble crochet, colors carried along a round

Yarn
**Medium (4), 3 colors**

Hook
**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Gauge
**13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: blush, blanket stitch, first round and first outline | **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: ivory, ground of the hearts | **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: soft red, hearts and last outline | **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye and hemmed flannel blanket, its size is given below.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

## Sizes

| Size | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Lovey** | 13½ × 13½ in (34 × 34 cm) | about 105 yd (96 m) |
| **Baby blanket (this file)** | **32 × 32 in (81 × 81 cm)** | **about 265 yd (242 m)** |
| **Crib blanket** | 38 × 38 in (97 × 97 cm) | about 315 yd (288 m) |

## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **tr** | treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble) |
| **rnd** | round |


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| **sk** | skip (UK miss) |
| **sp** | space |
| **st** | stitch |
| **yo** | yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook) |

### Special stitches

**heart:** Both halves are worked in the one place named. First half: (yo, insert hook in the place, yo and pull up a loop as tall as a tr) 5 times, yo and draw through 10 loops, yo and draw through the last 2 loops. Ch 1. Second half: the same again, in the same place. The heart counts as one stitch; in the next round the sts over a heart go into the ch 1 between its two halves, and that draws the dip of the heart down.

## Gauge

**13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

**Check your gauge on the piece.** Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 28 in (71.1 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 10 plus 9 (89 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 9 from the loops of a side and divide by 10: that is n (here 8). In round 1 "89 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 "next 91 sts" is 10 × n + 11; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 8 times, is worked n times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 9 times, is worked n + 1 times and the repeat along each side, here worked 8 times, is worked n times; in round 5 "next 101 sts" is 10 × n + 21 and "next 97 sts" is 10 × n + 17; in round 6 "next 103 sts" is 10 × n + 23 and "next 98 sts" is 10 × n + 18. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side. In rounds 4, 5 and 6 the outer brackets are the first three sides in order, each after its corner, and what follows the brackets is the last corner and the last side, which is a few sts shorter because the round was begun with them: on an oblong piece work these too with the n of the side they lie on.

## Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.
- Blanket stitch: thread a sharp embroidery needle with a large eye with yarn A, a length of about 40 in (101.6 cm) at a time, and hold the cloth with its right side up and the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the yarn on the wrong side, at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) inside the edge and about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies snugly along the edge without puckering it. Repeat from * all round. The yarn that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. When a length runs out, end it and begin the next on the wrong side, in the same hole. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- The ch 4 at the start of a round counts as a tr.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a round hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.


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- Colors in round 3: B and C are both carried round. Join C where it is first needed, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and cut it at the end of the round. To change to C, draw C through as you make the second of the 2 chs before a heart. To change back, draw B through with the last yo of the second half of the heart. Lay the color not in use along the top of round 2 and work over it, loosely, so that the hearts are not pulled together.
- Round 3: the heart in a corner stands between two tr with 2 chs on either side of it, all in the corner space. Along a side the heart goes into the middle one of 5 sts, the 2 on either side of it being skipped under the chs.
- Rounds 4, 5 and 6 do not begin at a corner stitch. Round 4 begins in the last tr before a corner heart (the top of the ch 4), and its corner is the 3 sc in the heart. Round 5 begins 4 sts before a corner stitch and round 6 begins 5 sts before one; in both, the corner is 3 sc in the corner stitch, which is the middle one of the 3 sc below.
- Corner stitch of round 1: the middle one of the 3 sc in a corner. The first corner of round 1 is begun with 2 sc and completed with the 1 sc at the end of the round, all worked into the first st; its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In a round after the first, "first st" means the first st of the round below; for round 2 that is this same first sc, which is also where round 1 was joined.
- On a crocheted or knitted blanket no blanket stitch is needed. Leave it out and work round 1 into the edge of the blanket itself: 3 sc in each corner and, along each side between two corners, as many sc as keep the edge flat, the number being a multiple of 10 plus 9. Where a line of round 1 says "first st", that is a corner stitch of the blanket. Round 2 and all the rounds after it are then as printed, with the numbers of your own side (see ANOTHER SIZE).
- When the next round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.
- Where a round begins with "Sl st in next ch-2 sp", go to that corner space with slip stitches: one in each st that lies between the join and the space, if there is one, and then one in the space. The st the last round was joined in, and any st you slip over, are the last sts of the last side: they are worked at the very end of the round.
- Begin with a hemmed flannel blanket about 27.7 in (70.4 cm) square; with the edging it is about 32 in (81.3 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the edge in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 89 loops along each side, 360 loops in all, spaced 13 to every 4 in (10.2 cm). Its yarn is in the amount below and the ends of its lengths (about 9 lengths) are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 91 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.
- There are 9 hearts on each side and one at each corner, 40 in all.


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## Instructions

Chosen: Baby blanket. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, tr is double treble and yo is yarn over hook.

**Yarns in order of use: A, blush; B, ivory; C, soft red.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | A hemmed flannel blanket with a blanket stitch edge of 89 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you. |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 89 sts,<br>**[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 89 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(368 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in first st, sc in next 91 sts,<br>**[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next 91 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(372 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), ch 2, with C, heart in same sp, with B, ch 2, tr in same sp, tr in next 4 sts,<br>**[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, with C, heart in next st, with B, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, tr in next 5 sts**] 8 times**,<br>ch 2, sk next 2 sts, with C, heart in next st, with B, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, tr in next 4 sts,<br>**[**tr in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, with C, heart in same sp, with B, ch 2, tr in same sp, tr in next 4 sts,<br>**[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, with C, heart in next st, with B, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, tr in next 5 sts**] 8 times**,<br>ch 2, sk next 2 sts, with C, heart in next st, with B, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, tr in next 4 sts**] 3 times**,<br>sl st in top of ch-4 to join **(200 tr, 80 ch-2 sps, 40 hearts)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, sc in first st,<br>**[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, 3 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts,<br>**[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts**] 9 times] 3 times**,<br>2 sc in next ch-2 sp, 3 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts,<br>**[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**,<br>2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join **(408 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts,<br>**[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 101 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 97 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join **(416 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts,<br>**[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 103 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 98 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join **(424 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. |

## Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 6 rounds; 28 ends to weave in.

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